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the limitation that the "reference frame identifier specifies a frame boundary of a reference system pulse corresponding to the system timing information used in the determination of the calibration time." Claim 2 has been amended to recite the limitation that "the reference frame identifier specifying a frame boundary of a reference system pulse, the calibration time being determined using satellite timing information and the reference system pulse." Support for these recitations can be found at page 8, lines 13-22. Noguchi does not disclose such a reference frame identifier or the use of a reference system pulse in determining a calibration time. Accordingly, it is felt that claims 1 and 2, as amended, are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Noguchi.

New claims 3-12 have been added to more completely cover certain aspects of applicant's invention. Support for these claims may be found at page 8, lines 3-6 and 27-33, and at page 9, lines 11-34. New claims 3-9 and claims 10-12 are dependent upon, and include all the limitations of claims 1 and 2, respectively, and are therefore also felt to be patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Noguchi.

No additional fees are due.

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Marked Up Version of Claims

1. (once amended) A method of time calibration comprising the steps of:
 - determining a calibration time using system timing information and embedded satellite timing information; and
 - transmitting the calibration time and a reference frame identifier, wherein the reference frame identifier specifies a frame boundary of a reference system pulse corresponding to [derived from] the system timing information used in the determination of the calibration time.
2. (once amended) A method of time calibration comprising the steps of:
 - receiving at a receiver a message having a calibration time and a reference frame identifier, wherein the message is received over one or more frames, the reference frame identifier specifying a frame boundary of a reference system pulse, the calibration time being determined using satellite timing information and the reference system pulse; and
 - synchronizing the receiver to satellite timing using the calibration time, the reference frame identifier and a reference point in a frame specified by the reference frame identifier.
3. (newly added) The method of claim 1 comprising the additional step of:
 - receiving a request to perform timing calibration prior to the step of determining the calibration time.
4. (newly added) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the calibration time comprises the steps of:
 - detecting at least one satellite signal; and
 - determining the embedded satellite timing using the detected at least one satellite signal.
5. (newly added) The method of claim 4 comprising the additional step of:
 - receiving Doppler frequency information associated with the at least one satellite signal being detected prior to the step of detecting the at least one satellite signal.

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6. (newly added) The method of claim 4 comprising the additional step of:
receiving aiding information associated with the at least one satellite signal being detected prior to the step of detecting the at least one satellite signal.
7. (newly added) The method of claim 6 comprising the additional step of:
receiving a holding time for indicating when the aiding information expires.
8. (newly added) The method of claim 1 comprising the additional step of:
transmitting an estimated frequency or a code phase search range.
9. (newly added) The method of claim 8 comprising the additional step of:
transmitting a time for indicating a time duration wherein the estimated frequency or code phase search range is valid.
10. (newly added) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of receiving at the receiver the message having the calibration time and the reference frame identifier comprises the step of:
time stamping the message to indicate a time at which the message was received by the receiver.
11. (newly added) The method of claim 2 comprising the additional steps of:
determining a second calibration time at the receiver using a detected satellite signal; and
transmitting the second calibration time.
12. (newly added) The method of claim 11, wherein the second calibration time is based on a one way propagation delay between the receiver and a transmitter from which the message having the calibration time and the reference frame identifier was transmitted.